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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

) Opposition No.:	91-208,003
RED BULL GMBH,)	
) Serial Nos.:	85/400,933
Opposer)	85/400,941
v.)	85/400,955
)	85/406,652
) Trademarks:	
MICHAEL F. BALL,) +RED DET	OX ELIXIR (#85/400,933)
) +RED DRE	AM ELIXIR (#85/400,941)
Applicant.) +RED SUN	REPAIR ELIXIR
) (#85/	400,955)
	_) +RED RES	CUE ELIXIR (#85/406,652)

OPPOSER'S MOTION TO SUSPEND OPPOSITION NO. 91-208,003

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 2.117, Opposer, RED BULL GMBH, ("Red Bull" or "Opposer") hereby moves to suspend the above-captioned opposition pending the disposition of Applicant MICHAEL F. BALL's ("Applicant") *ex parte* appeals of Appln. Nos. 85/351,186 and 85/351,334 (hereinafter the "Appealed Applications"), which will be dispositive of the issues in this matter.

As background, Applicant filed six +RED formative marks with the USPTO – the four that are subject to this opposition (hereinafter the "Opposed Applications"), published on July 17, 2012, and two that were pulled from a subsequent publication at the last minute and refused due to a likelihood of confusion with one of Opposer's prior registrations (the "Appealed Applications"). In regard to the Appealed Applications, Applicant submitted arguments against the refusal, which were found unpersuasive by the USPTO, and Applicant subsequently filed Notices of Appeals for the Appealed Applications on February 15, 2013. Since that date, Applicant has extended the deadline to submit the Appeal Brief once, and has now submitted Motions to Suspend the Appeals pending the disposition of the instant Opposition. Exhibit A. For reasons of judicial economy, however, Opposer opposes the

Motion to Suspend the Appeals, and instead moves to suspend the instant opposition rather than the appeals

The subject opposition and the appeals of the Appealed Applications both deal with a question of likelihood of confusion between Applicant's +RED-formative marks and Opposer's prior-registered marks in Class 32. If likelihood of confusion is found in one situation, as Applicant's marks are nearly identical in both cases and cover the same products, likelihood of confusion will necessarily be found in the other. As such, both matters before the Board are dispositive of this issue. However, for reasons of judicial economy, the opposition should be suspended pending disposition of the Appeals, rather than the other way around. The appeal process is an ex parte process that is less costly to and uses less resources of both the party involved and the Board, does not include extensive discovery and trial periods, and will ultimately result in a decision much more quickly than an *inter partes* opposition proceeding (especially seen in light of the fact that the subject opposition has yet to reach the discovery phase as it has been suspended for nearly four months awaiting a decision on a motion to strike portions of Applicant's Answer). As a decision on the Appeals will be dispositive of the issues in the subject opposition as well, the parties and the Board can avoid wasting extensive time, money, and its own resources by simply suspending the instant inter partes action pending the disposition of the Appeals.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, Opposer respectfully requests that the subject opposition be suspended pending Applicant's related ex parte appeals of Appln. Nos. 85/351,186 and 85/351,334.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **OPPOSER'S MOTION TO SUSPEND OPPOSITION NO. 91-200,803** is being served on June 19, 2013, by deposit of same in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Applicant's Counsel at their Correspondent address given on the TARR website, with a courtesy copy via email to cwcdocketing@roylance.com.

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Exhibit A

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Applied for Mark	RED
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Michael F. Ball

Serial No.: 85/351,186 : Examining Attorney: T. Frazier : Trademark Law Office 116

Filed: June 21, 2011

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MOTION TO SUSPEND EX PARTE APPEAL

Commissioner for Trademarks P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

Sir:

Consistent with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board's Manual of Procedure, Chapter 1213, Applicant hereby moves the Honorable Board to suspend proceedings in the above-identified Ex Parte Appeal. Applicant is involved in *inter partes* Opposition No. 91208003 before the Board (the "Opposition"), which may be dispositive of the issue(s) involved in the Appeal.

The cited Registrant filed the Opposition and appears to assert the very registration that is cited against Applicant's instant application. A Motion to Strike is currently pending in the Opposition that Applicant hopes will clarify which particular registrations the cited Registrant actually asserts as a basis for the Opposition. Once the particular registration(s) is pleaded, Applicant may consider a counterclaim to petition to cancel the cited registration.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully moves this Honorable Board to suspend proceedings in the Ex Parte Appeal pending the Board's decision on the Motion to Strike in the Opposition, which, if favorable, will potentially give rise to a challenge of the very registration cited in the instant application.

No fee is believed to be due with this request. Should any fee be required, however, please charge our firm's deposit account no. 18-2220 and kindly refer to our docket no. 59466.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Ball

Dated: June 17, 2013

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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Applicant	Michael F. Ball
Applied for Mark	RED
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Michael F. Ball

Serial No.: 85/346,334 : Examining Attorney: H. Thompson

Trademark Law Office 109

Filed: June 14, 2011

Mark: +RED (Stylized) :

MOTION TO SUSPEND EX PARTE APPEAL

Commissioner for Trademarks P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

Sir:

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